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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2003, the period of response for which is hereby extended by three months to April 26, 2004 (in that April 24, 2004 falls on a Saturday), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the Declaration of Allan L. Bieber is attached following page 4 of this paper.